

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN BILL TASH**, on January 15, 2003 at 3 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Bill Tash, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)  
Sen. Dan McGee (R)  
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)  
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)

Sen. Ken Toole (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Debbie Shea (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch  
Roberta Opel, Committee Secretary

**Video-Taped Committees:** This is the video log of a committee hearing. The log provides a list of participants and a record official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 88, 1/15/2003; SB 99,  
1/15/2003; SB 103, 1/15/2003;  
SB 130, 1/15/2003

Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON SB 88**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. KEITH BALES, SD 1, Otter, presented SB 88; an act providing instruction for the renumbering and codification of Section 85-2-521, MCA, concerning requirements for coal bed methane wells.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

3:27pm Jack Stults, MT. Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation, (DNRC), Water Resources Division

3:30pm Albert H. Brown, Montana Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

3:32pm SEN. BALES closed on SB 88.

**HEARING ON SB 99**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. RICK LAIBLE, SD 30, Victor, presented SB 99; an act limiting the applicability of the Montana Administrative Procedure Act; revising the jurisdiction of courts.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

3:37pm Tom Schultz, Administrator, DNRC, Trust Lands Management

3:40pm Ellen Engstedt, representing Montana Wood Products

**Opponents' Testimony:**

3:41pm Leo Berry, Helena, representing himself

3:50pm Susan Good, Big Sky Association for Medical Services

3:52pm Don Judge, Local Teamsters Union 190

3:55pm Rich Miller, Gaming Industry Association

3:56pm Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center  
(MEIC)

4:04pm George Ochenski, MT. State Parks Foundation Action Fund

4:16pm Tony Schonnen, MT. Coalition for Management of State Lands

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

4:07pm Begin  
4:26pm End  
32 minutes Elapsed time

**Closing by Sponsor:**

4:27pm **SEN. LAIBLE** proposed amendments to SB 99 and closed on the hearing. **EXHIBIT(nas08a01)**

**HEARING ON SB 103**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** **SEN. RICK LAIBLE, SD 30, Victor,** opened on SB 103 regarding the Orphan Share Transfer.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

4:28pm Sandi Olsen, Remediation Division Administrator, MT. Dept. of Environmental Quality (EQC) **EXHIBIT(nas08a02)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

**Closing by Sponsor:**

4:30pm **SEN. LAIBLE** closed on SB 103.

**HEARING ON SB 130**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** **SEN. DAN MCGEE, SD 11, Laurel,** presented SB 130; providing authority for an agreement between the MT. Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) and the MT. Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) to compensate state trust land beneficiaries.

**Proponents:**

4:43pm Bud Clinch, Director, DNRC  
4:53pm Linda McCulloch, Supt. of Public Instruction  
**EXHIBIT(nas08a03)**  
4:57pm Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP **EXHIBIT(nas08a04)**  
4:43pm Tony Schonnen, MT. Coalition for Management of State Lands, Public Lands Access  
5:00pm Bill Holdorf, Skyline Sportsmen  
5:02pm John Wilson, representing Trout Unlimited

**Opponents:**

5:08pm John Bloomquist, MT. Stockgrower's Association

5:16pm Nancy Schlepp, MT. Farm Bureau

**Questions from the Committee Members and Responses:**

5:21pm Begin

5:47pm End

26 min Elapsed time

**Closing by Sponsor:**

5:48pm **SEN. MCGEE** closed on SB 130.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:53 P.M.

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SEN. BILL TASH, Chairman

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ROBERTA OPEL, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (nas08aad)**